

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 724 (Senator Stoltzfus)

Judicial Proceedings

Cecil, Kent, and Wicomico Counties - Orphans' Court Judges - Salaries

This bill increases the annual salary of each judge of the Orphans' Court for Cecil County from \$3,500 to \$4,500; of each judge of the Orphans' Court for Kent County from \$2,080 to \$3,600; and each judge of the Orphans' Court for Wicomico County from \$1,600 to \$3,200.

The salary increases would take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is December 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: Cecil County expenditures would increase by \$1,884 in FY 1999 and by \$3,230 annually thereafter. Kent County expenditures would increase by \$2,863 in FY 1999 and by \$4,909 annually thereafter. Wicomico County expenditures would increase by \$3,014 in FY 1999 and by \$5,167 annually thereafter. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The Orphans' Courts for Cecil, Kent, and Wicomico counties each have three judges whose salaries and benefits are paid with local funds. As a result of this bill, Cecil County expenditures for salaries and benefits would increase by an estimated \$2,240 for the last seven months of fiscal 1999; Kent County expenditures for salaries and Social Security would increase by an estimated \$2,863 for the last seven months of fiscal 1999; and Wicomico County expenditures for salaries and Social Security would increase by an estimated \$3,014 for the last seven months of fiscal 1999. Wicomico County may incur

additional minimal expenditures for pension contributions.

Future year expenditure increases of \$3,840 for Cecil County, \$4,909 for Kent County, and \$5,167 for Wicomico County reflect full year salaries and Social Security.

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